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MISCELLANEOUS CHURCHES PART II

THE CHURCH AT TYRE This was an ancient and important Phoenician seaport, situated on the coast NW of Palestine, about 5 miles S of the Litani River. The city included the mainland port and an island, just offshore. Tyre became an independent maritime state and came to dominate the Phoenician coast by the time of the Israelite monarchy. Hiram, king of Tyre, was an ally and trading partner of David and Solomon. He rebuilt and fortified Tyre, constructing a large harbor on the S side of the island. The city established colonies as far distant as Spain, and in the 9th century founded the city of Carthage on the N coast of Africa. Tyre came under Assyrian domination for the next two centuries, but by the end of the 7th century it had regained its autonomy. Ezekiel's prophecies against the city date from this time, during which Tyre reached the height of its wealth and power. The city fell to Nebuchadnezzar after a 13-year siege (about 587-574 BC) and was destroyed. The island port later fell to Alexander the Great (about 332 BC) after the construction of a causeway to the island. Jesus visited the region of Tyre and Sidon during his ministry. A small Christian community existed there during Paul's time. Josh 19:29; 2 Sam 5:11; 1 Ki 5; 1 Ki 9:11-12; Isa 23; Ezek 26-28; Mark 7:24-31 (Copied ~Ed)

- Hiram** What king once lived in Tyre (1 Ki 5:1-12)? _____ What did he think of King David? _____ Who sent a message to Hiram? _____ What did God give Solomon? _____ Verse? _____ In what commerce did Solomon and Hiram participate? _____ What was Solomon doing? _____
- The Cities** Tyre and Sidon are mentioned by Jesus (Mt 11:21-22). What conclusion do we draw about the condition of Tyre and Sidon? _____
- The Church At Tyre** What prompted Him to remain there (Acts 21:4) _____ days? _____ Were these "disciples" Christians? _____ Was one of these seven days Sunday? _____ What can we assume happened on that Sunday? _____ Was this a church service? _____
- Afterward** Paul was warned (V4) not to go to _____ but Luke records that "*we departed and went our way; and they all _____ us on our way, with _____ and _____, till we were out of the _____; and we kneeled down on the shore, and _____.* And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took _____; and they returned _____ again."
- The Church At Sidon** (Acts 27:1-3) Julius, the _____ in charge of Paul, "*gave him _____ to go unto his friends.*" Do we know of Paul's friends that were non-Christians? _____ Is this an indication there were Christians at Sidon? _____ If Christians, a local church? _____
- The Church At Ptolemais** It was a seaport in N Palestine, between Tyre and Caesarea. (Acts 21:7) "*And when we had finished our course from _____, we came to _____, and saluted the _____, and abode with them one _____.*"
- The Church At Puteoli** An important seaport on the W shore of S Italy, located on the N side of the Bay of Naples. (Acts 28:13-14) There they found "*_____*" and stayed with them _____ days. That would include Sunday. Did Paul worship with the church at Puteoli? _____